

Woman's Realm

Doesn't Apply to America.

One cannot help regretting the tendency of feminine fashions to once again become masculine. One fears a little lest the leather that is to be a feature of feminine fashions this autumn, and the headgear that has sprung from the masculine bowler and the old "Jarvis" beavers, and the walking sticks which, like cigarette cases, are now popular gifts for girls, will not rob us of our pretty fal-lals and our daintiness.—Ambrosia, in the World.

New Style of Candy Pull.

An amusing little entertainment which girl readers will enjoy is a new style of candy pull in which riddles founded on the names of different sweets, and not the molasses dainty itself, plays the leading role.

Invite the girls to a new-fashioned candy pull, inserting a clause in the note, urging everybody to come in old clothes, and with aprons, as an old-fashioned candy pulling bee is to follow the riddle game.

Prepare in advance as many plain white cards cut from a sheet of pasteboard as you have received acceptances. On each card write a set of riddles founded on different sugar plums.—Washington Times.

Fine American Seamstresses.

Few people know much about American women who are fine seamstresses, but there are many of them who eke out an income by this work if they do not support themselves entirely by it. One lovely lingerie waist made by one of these women is of the finest and sheepest material, with fine hem-stitched lucks set in at the top, yoke deep, and between the rows of the finest French knots. There is something inexpressibly dainty about this waist, which is more like a baby's garment than a woman's. The American-made waists are not sold in lots, and prices are not reduced as in other varieties of the hand-made waists. These latter, even those which come from abroad are anything but well made or well finished on the inside, though ranging in price from \$20 up.

Woman's Superiority.

Professor Chamberlain, of Clark University, has figured out that women have a whole lot more ability than men. Following is his little list: "As an actor, she has greater ability and more frequently shows it. She is noticeably better in adaptability. She is much more charitable—in money matters. Under reasonable opportunities she is more gifted at diplomacy. She has greater genius in politics. She more commonly has executive ability. Her hearing is more acute. Her imagination is greater. Her intuitions are greater. Her memory is better. Her patience is greater. Her perceptions are more rapid. She has greater religious devotion. Her instinct for sacrifice is greater. She bears pain more heroically. Her sympathy is greater. She has greater tact. She has more acute taste. She has greater vitality. She has more fluency in the lower forms of speech."—Pittsburg Gazette.

Gold Gauze and Hand Work.

Hand embroideries are seen on semi-faded costumes in the form of vests, collars and cuffs, etc., done in silk of several shades of the costume color or in harmonizing tones. These embroideries are done on silk, satin, broadcloth and gold gauze heavily embroidered in shaded material used for the purpose. One costume in a rich plum showed a vest effect made on the lines of stoles of this gold gauze heavily embroidered in shades of purple ranging from a faint violet to a deep plum. Gold and black silk threads were interwoven with these, and the short box coat also showed a touch of black in the broad military braids which trimmed the seams and edges.

Gold gauze is one of the new trimming ideas, not only in costumes, but in millinery as well. It comes in ribbon form, ranging in width from one to five and six inches, and is extremely soft and pliable, being capable of the most graceful adjustment.—Indianapolis News.

A Woman Railroad President.

Mrs. Mary S. Holladay, who made herself President of the Williamsville, Greenville and St. Louis Railroad because, although she was a director the manager of the railroad refused to give her a pass, sold the road for \$1,000,000, received the money and returned to society. Until she sold the road, Mrs. Holladay was the only woman railroad President in the United States, probably in the world. The Williamsville, Greenville and St. Louis Road, though only sixty miles long, is one of the best feeders in Southern Missouri. A purchasing syndicate headed by John S. Long, Kansas City, Mo., succeeded Mrs. Holladay at the bid. The \$1,000,000 was paid to Mrs. Holladay at the National Bank of Commerce, in St. Louis, Mo. "I guess I have made more money in the last ten months than any woman in America," she said. "I liked being at the head of a big enterprise all right, but it hardens a woman, and she drops out of society. I will move to St. Louis now and return to society. What made me go after the Presidency was I couldn't have a pass while I was a director. So I bought the road and made myself President. Then I had

all the passes I wanted."—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The Child's Footwear.

Writing of "The Child's Dress," in the *Delinquent*, Dr. Grace Peckham Murray has a word of advice in regard to shoes. She says:

As soon as the skirts are shortened, children arrive at the dignity of wearing shoes. The first ones should be very soft and loose. They are to be had as moccasins and ankle ties, as well as in the shape of diminutive shoes with very soft soles. The latter should be thicker when the time comes for the child to walk. Children's shoes should have broad soles and should be formed very carefully so as not to deform the feet. They are made without heels, for children do not wear heels until they are nine or ten years old, and then extremely low. Children often suffer from weak ankles. If such be the case, their feet should be bathed and rubbed with salt water every day. They will be helped by the wearing of shoes the ankles of which have been made stiff by pieces of steel which are held in place by means of little pockets made for the purpose in the lining of the shoe. Shoes are made especially for children who toe in, or for those who are bowlegged, and for children who have flat feet. The necessary thickening of the bottom of the shoe, which varies in position and amount of leather according to the trouble to be remedied, is placed inside the shoe and does not show at all on the outside of the boot. Care should be taken in fitting stockings to see that they are not too short or too small, as they will cramp and deform the foot. Children are usually so hard on stockings that they do not have time to outgrow them, and the possibility of it should be kept in mind. Knee-caps made of leather are excellent to prevent rapid wearing out of the stockings at the knees.

The More Useful Sex.

Some interesting biological and sociological facts have lately been published about women which are calculated to exalt the ostensibly weaker sex in its own eyes and also in those of men. We have previously pointed out the conclusion reached by certain scientists that the average life of woman should, and under normal circumstances would, exceed slightly the average life of man in respect of duration. Now comes an English biologist, Mr. T. H. Montgomery, who, after a general review of the data presented by the anatomy and evolution of various invertebrate and vertebrate animals, maintains that the male is less developed and more embryonic than the female. So far as the invertebrates and the lower vertebrates are concerned, the female is clearly superior. When, within this field of observation, one sex is found to be rudimentary in comparison with the other, it is pointed out that this is almost always the male. In size, the female is usually the superior. Sometimes the central nervous system is more highly specialized in the female, while, as a rule, the internal reproductive apparatus is more complex. In those cases where the male seems, at the first glance, superior, the difference turns out to be mainly in unimportant morphological characters. Many species of insects seem to get on altogether without males for at least a generation. The unmated queen bee, for instance, will lay fertile eggs, which, however, produce only drones. It is well known that the working bee is the product of a union between a drone and a queen bee. From the female aphid (plant-louse) on a rose-bush will proceed several generations of offspring before the intervention of a male is required. It appears, then, that on certain planes of organic existence there is no question of woman's rights: Nature herself has assigned to the male a role altogether secondary or casual.—Harper's Weekly.

FRILLS FASHION

A blouse, in the palest pink, had embroidery applied like a yoke of edging. Some of the newest coats show a good deal of fulness below the waist line. Exquisite scarfs are about—some of them heavy with embroidery, others the lightest, most diaphanous bits of gossamer silk in the world. One delectable petticoat of straw-colored taffeta is embroidered with flower baskets spilling their pink and blue blossoms among the lace frills at the foot. A blouse should never look like the top of a straw worn with a stray skirt, and that is exactly what the surprise separate waist looks like and why it does not "take."

One blouse has tie-ends apparently hanging from the attached collar. But a closer examination proves that they are inset in the blouse, joined with the inevitable herring-bone.

Among blouses, there's an exquisite one made of the palest of blue batiste, with a tiny dragon harnesslessly stretched out on each side of the yoke. The work is Japanese in its finest and most delicate style.

LAP DOGS.

How They Have Figured in History and How They Are Made.

The making of new kinds of dogs has been a profitable industry since remotest history, and promises, especially in the case of lap dogs, to go on forever.

The "latest thing in lap dogs" has been very clearly defined ever since the days of the Greeks and Romans in Europe and from a much earlier period in China.

In the sepulchral halls of the great pyramids sculptures have been found in which a small species of elegant greyhound is seen following members of the royal family. Both are chiselled in the stiff "one foot in front of the other" style of old Egypt, but the dog is unmistakably a special artificial breed just as much as a modern dachshund.

China evolved her Pekinese spaniel in her progressive days, some 8000 years ago. Chinese inertia has preserved the breed unchanged to this day in the regal palaces of the Empress. When the Summer palace in Pekin was searched in 1800 by European troops six specimens were found. These dogs, whose unbroken ancestry is older than any royal family, even that of the Empress, were found upon silken pillows, each in its own special apartment. Each had a special retinue of attendants, who had fled.

Of all the lap dogs of Europe and America, perhaps the first to be mentioned is the "Maltese dog," or "Maltese terrier," as it was once called. This silky little toy of a creature is said to have been originated in the town of Melita, in Sicily, whence it was exported to Rome and Athens in their days of greatness.

Strobo, the historian, describes them as "not bigger than common ferrets or weasels, yet they are not small in understanding nor unstable in their love."

From the first century until the nineteenth the Maltese dog was only heard from occasionally, but that it retained its individuality and feminine favor are shown by its description eighty years ago in the *European Magazine* as a "pampered creature waddling and wheezing in its pampered way after its fashionable mistress."

In the eighteenth-sixties new and superior breeds of dogs appeared as rivals of the Maltese, who rapidly lost his supremacy. Dog shows gave great impetus to improvement and variety of the little canines. In the efforts of their breeders to hold their place the Maltese was reduced to five pounds in adult weight.

It is said that one of these little animals could be placed in a lady's glove. This apparently ungalant inference to the size of feminine hands of the time is explained by the assumption that the "glove" was a hawk's gauntlet with sleeves reaching almost to the shoulders.

The pocket beagle enjoys popularity to-day among many women.

Anne of Denmark and Mary of Modena, two Queen consorts of the Stuarts, both "fancied" Italian greyhounds, and in the well-known painting by Ward, R. A., of James II., hearing of the landing of William of Orange, an Italian hound sniffs suspiciously at the messenger, while a court lady entertains the infant Prince of Wales with a King Charles spaniel pup.

At one time, not so long ago, it was so fashionable and sought after that an attempt was made to improve on nature by interbreeding the Italian greyhound with the toy terrier, but with most lamentable results; and it was with the greatest difficulty and patience that the ill effects of the mesalliance were overcome, and the breed purified by the infusion of fresh blood from its native Italy, until it once more displayed those true traits and that exquisite grace which makes this fragile little creature so admired by ladies of taste and refinement.

There are doubtless several new types in formation at this time under the careful experiments of breeders. Each one should have its day of popularity and high prices, to be succeeded by a later canine freak.

Reinforcing His Explanation.

The editor of the Gory Gulch *Vindicator* happening to look out of his window saw Comanche Pete approaching the office with an expression of wrath on his face and a revolver in each hand.

Glancing hastily at a copy of the *Vindicator* that lay on the table before him he sought to ascertain the cause of the impending visit. His eye was caught by this item:

"They are talking of running our illustrious fellow citizen, Comanche Pete, for town marshal. He's a buckerster—that's what Pete is."

He had barely time to snatch a big revolver from the drawer in his table when the door opened and Comanche Pete came in.

"Pete," quietly remarked the editor, leveling the weapon at him, "throw up your hands. I've got the drop on you. I wrote it 'hustler.'"—Chicago Tribune.

Our Sophisticated Foods.

Suppose you ask for the grocer's best strawberry jam, and he charges you four-pence a pound for it, and you get a mixture of foreign fruit-pulp, sweetened with glucose, colored with aniline dyes, with seeds alien to the strawberry put in, you have no legal cause of complaint; and the dealer is quite free from prosecution, provided he has included in the composition one of those strawberries.—London Magazine.

Gratefully Received.

According to Andrew Lang there are sixty words in the English language for which no rhymes can be found.

Mr. Lang's statement is received and filed, and the secretary is directed to return to him a vote of thanks.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Farm

Keeping Potatoes.

Potatoes which are dug in clear weather and thoroughly dried in the sun will keep in much better condition in the cellar than those put into bins without being sun-dried. Some recommend spreading them on the barn floor after drying them in the sun. This may improve their keeping qualities, and they may be just as good for seed, but are not generally considered equal for table purposes to those put into the cellar when taken from the field.

Time Water For Cucumbers.

I planted cucumbers twice last season without any success so thought I would try an experiment. I prepared some lime water, made my hills, then poured it on them and left it until the ground was dry. Then I powdered the earth up fine and planted the seeds and the outcome was fine cucumbers. This same method also made my Rocky Fords and other melons a success.—Mrs. M. J. Piers, in *The Epitome*.

Farming by Automobile.

A new and special type of automobile has recently been put on the market in Scotland which is designed especially for farm work, and which is not only suitable for plowing, but may be equipped with a cultivator or reaper. It will prepare the ground and sow the seed at one operation, and can be operated at a better speed than a horse. Thus, when plowing, it can cover from six to seven acres a day, and goes over the field so as to leave it in final shape for cultivation. When not in use in the field the motor can be used to drive all farming machinery, and when plowing the cost of fuel, labor and depreciation has been computed at \$1 per acre, or less than one-half the expense of plowing by horse. It is interesting to note that the cost of the machine is about \$1500, an amount that does not seem prohibitive for a large farm, where a thorough test of the new machine could readily be made, says Harper's Weekly. The automobile, unlike the farm animal, does not have to be fed when it is not working, and it is here that a substantial element of economy can probably be secured.

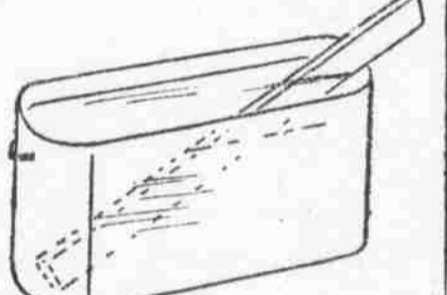
Preserving Fence Posts.

There are several methods whereby fence posts may be made to last much longer than if set untreated. An application of coal tar mixed with 1-10 oil of turpentine and applied hot is one of the best preservatives. To do this have an ordinary large iron kettle, in which to heat and mix the tar, and a deep vat, which may be an old wash boiler or similar tin vessel, which must be at least three feet deep and ten inches in diameter. Have the tar quite hot when the posts are dipped. Allow them to remain a moment, then remove and pile with the ends free and allow to dry.

Shelter For Fattening Steers.

In the fall of 1902 there were planned a series of experiments to test the comparative merits of indoor and outdoor feeding for fattening steers, says T. I. Mairs, of the Pennsylvania experiment station. These experiments have now extended through three seasons, upon practically the same plan. Twenty-four steers were divided into two lots as nearly equal as possible. One lot was fed in a large pen in the basement of the barn, the other lot was fed in an open shed in a yard adjoining the barn. This shed was enclosed on the two ends and one side, leaving the open side toward the south-east.

During the first season the lot fed in the shed produced a slightly smaller gain and ate somewhat more food than the one fed in the barn. During the second season the lot in the barn again produced a larger gain but ate more food than the lot outside. During the first season it required one and one-half pounds more feed to produce a pound of gain in the outside lot than in the barn lot. During the second season it required one and one-half pounds more feed to produce a pound of gain in the open shed than in the barn. During the third season the two lots made practically the same gains, there being only one-half pound difference per steer, and that in favor of the outside lot. The steers in the shed ate less during this season than the steers in the barn. During this season it required a quarter of a pound more feed to produce a pound of gain in the barn than outside.—Farmers' Home Journal.



Profit in Geese.

That geese are profitable and should be more generally kept there is no denying. But a great deal of the success with them depends upon management, quality and location. First of all, they are grazing birds and must not be kept in confinement. Indeed, grass and range are most essential to their welfare. It is also important that they have access to a stream or pond of water, and if it is where they can feed on aquatic growth, so much the better. Being very hardy fowls and industrious in their line, there is no question but they will thrive under the right conditions. The fact is, they need very little special care and feeding, if given a fair range on low meadow or marshy land, in connection with a stream of water or small lake; they will now practically make their own living in the summer and get along exceedingly well through the winter if allowed to tangle with the barnyard stock.

Geese geese, in some respects, give the best satisfaction. Gentle, not susceptible to disease, light eaters and long lived, the small quantity of food required to keep them is really surprising. Grass and green stuff form the principal part of their bill of fare in summer, and when it comes on cold, stormy weather they will seldom complain if given cut fodder and clay

Poultry Notes.

Thoroughbred fowls cost no more to keep than the mongrels. Then why cling to the latter?

Don't let cold weather find you unprepared. Look after the horse, the scratching shed and the walks now.

Lay in a supply of straw or leaves for the scratching shed. Also a few barrels of road dust for the dust box.

If you have kept mongrel fowls heretofore, don't wait to make a change. Each year means one more lost.

Store away all the small potatoes, turnips, cabbage, etc., that you do not sell or use, and the fowls will enjoy them during the winter.

Now that most of the farm work is done do not imagine that there is nothing to do in the poultry yard. Little things here and there done now will save much worry later on.

With the Fanny Felloes

A small illustration showing a woman in a long dress and a man in a suit. They appear to be in a conversation. The woman is on the left, looking towards the man on the right.

Ain't It the Truth?
Up in a room that's near the ocean,
Down by the ocean's foam,
The then we're prone to roach,
The blessing of a home.

Explained.
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Grace—"I fear I shall have to quit going with Maud. She's so very ultra."
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"Do you think the print you've picked out is as intellectual looking as some of the others?" the photographer asked.
"No," replied the lady customer, "but it's so awfully good of my hat and gown!"
Detroit Free Press.

Right in Line.
"This flower is strictly up to date," said the florist.
"What do you mean by that?" asked the prospective customer.
"Why," he explained, "it was obtained by grafting."
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Mrs. Gramercy—"Do you think you will be happy in such a place?"
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"My man," said the tall, thin gentleman, "here is a nickel for you."
"One question, sir," replied Fred Tullin. "Are you Mr. Rockefeller?"
"Why, no."
"Den I will accept yer gift with pleasure, sir."

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"Green says he hasn't a confidant on earth."
"There's a reason for that."
"What is it?"
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Quite right!"—Ally Sloper.

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Tangible Worth.
"My dear, I hope you are getting a man of real worth," said the old-fashioned aunt.
"Why, you can just bet your life I am, auntie," was the modern maid's reply. "Harold is worth a million dollars if he's worth the price of a pack of cigarettes."

Grasping at a Straw.
"Pshaw!" said the judge, "there's no reason why you people should be divorced. Go home and make up. There are no grounds."
"But, Judge," the man frantically interrupted, "she hasn't told you the whole truth. I pushed her down stairs once and it was miraculous that she wasn't killed or crippled for life."
Chicago Record-Herald.

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"Yes, sir."
"And has Smith started an investigation of Brown's investigation?"
"He has, sir."
"Then order Robinson to start an investigation of Smith's investigation of Brown's investigation."
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